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SAGE TELECOM, INC.

Petition for emergency relief to protect  
Petitioners; Annual Report from disclosure  
for not less than five years in order to protect  
highly proprietary information

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

Docket No.

07-0140

**PETITION**

NOW COMES, Sage Telecom, Inc. ("Petitioner") and hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for emergency relief to protect Petitioner's Annual Report from disclosure for not less than five years in order to protect highly proprietary information includes therein. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is certificated by the Commission to provide competitive telecommunications services in the state of Illinois.
2. Petitioner is required to file an Annual Report pursuant to Section 5-109 of The Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/5-109).
3. The Annual Report of the Petitioner contains highly proprietary and confidential commercial and financial information, the disclosure of which to competitors, or potential competitors, would be detrimental to Petitioner.
4. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive, and it is imperative that public disclosure of confidential information contained in the Annual Report of Petitioner be avoided for a period of at least five years following the issuance of an Order by the commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Petitioner.
5. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g), exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information... where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential, or where disclosure of such trade secrets or information may cause competitive harm." The annual Report of Petitioner, which is the subject matter of this Petition, falls within this exemption.
6. Petitioner seeks an Order from this Commission, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety Petitioner's Annual Report for a period of not less than five years.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety the 2006 Annual Report of the Petitioner for a period of not less than five years.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

SAGE TELECOM, INC.

By:

Robert W. McCausland

Robert W. McCausland, Vice President  
Sage Telecom, Inc.

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF COLLIN

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#### VERIFICATION

Robert W. McCausland, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he is the Vice President, Regulatory Affairs of Sage Telecom, Inc., that he has read the above and foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Robert W. McCausland

Robert W. McCausland, Vice President  
Sage Telecom, Inc.

Subscriber and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2007.

Andrew M. Karl

Notary Public

